GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1637
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2001
MACRO MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SAMAR CHOUDHURY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims, objectives and role of Macro Management of agriculture and the manner in which the States are provided assistance to their work plan, objectives and targets;

(b) whether the regional priorities are likely to be taken up for identifying the areas under the Macro Management with a view to integrate all schemes of the same nature under control and monitoring of the States; and

(c) the terms and conditions to be followed by the Central and States under the Macro Management programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): Macro Management Scheme aims at all round development in agriculture through Work Plans prepared by States. The benefits, apart from better targeting of scarce financial resources, include:

- reflection of local needs and crop/region specific priorities;
- greater flexibility and autonomy to States;
- optimum utilization of scarce financial resources;
- removal of regional imbalances.

Integration of Central Schemes will weed out duplication and enhance the productivity of the support programmes and accord greater flexibility to State Governments to develop and pursue activities on the basis of regional priorities. The Central Government will supplement/complement the State Governments` efforts through regionally differentiated Work Plans comprising crop/area/target group specific interventions, formulated in an interactive mode and implemented in a spirit of partnership with the States.

The outlay of the Work Plan would be shared by the Centre and the States in the ratio of 90:10. In the case of North-Eastern States, however, the entire expenditure will be borne by the Government of India. Central assistance for Work Plans will be in the ratio of 80% by grants and 20% by loans. The Scheme was started in November, 2000.